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#### FOREWORD

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### I. INTRODUCTION

The general requirement under this contract is the development of thermal-control surface coatings that possess very low but stable ratios of solar absorptance ( $\alpha_s$ ) to infrared emittance ( $\alpha_s$ ). Historically, this program has been divided into three major phases: (1) inorganic pigment technology, (2) siliconephotolysis and silicone-paint investigations, and (3) general coatings investigations.

The relative emphasis on each major task has varied during the course of the program according to the urgency of the various problems elucidated by our investigations as well as the availability of both funds and personnel. The major emphasis during the past two years has involved the investigation of new, potentially stable white-pigments -- particularly zinc orthotitanate.

The studies reported here include extensive EPR investigations of variously treated samples of zinc orthotitanate pigments and EPR investigations of the percursor oxides and (zinc metatitanate-containing) zinc orthotitanate. Results of x-ray diffraction investigations are also reported.

In our previous preparatory scheme, zinc orthotitanate  $(\text{Zn}_2\text{TiO}_4)$  was prepared by a solid-state reaction at elevated temperatures in air between ZnO and <u>anatase</u>  $\text{TiO}_2$  in the mole ratio (2:1). Although a slight excess of  $\text{TiO}_2$  was used in that preparatory mixture, residual ZnO always resulted, which was partially removed by washing with acetic acid. The stoichiometry describing the reaction,

$$2 ZnO + TiO_2 \xrightarrow{\Delta} Zn_2 TiO_4$$
 (1)

suggests that either residual TiO<sub>2</sub> also remained or that other titanates were also formed in the orthotitanate lattice. Thus, in an attempt to drive the reaction (1) to completion, samples

were prepared in which an excess of ZnO was used. According to work done by Kubo, et al (Ref. 1), at relatively low temperatures (780°C), zinc metatitanate in the presence of ZnO, reacts to form zinc orthotitanate

$$ZnTiO_3 + ZnO \xrightarrow{780^{\circ}C} Zn_2TiO_4$$
 (2)

Thus a large excess of ZnO would insure that any zinc metatitanate formed would react to form zinc orthotitanate and the excess ZnO would also insure complete reaction in (1). This would leave only ZnO which could be easily removed by washing with acetic acid. It will be seen that the presence of excess ZnO is critically important in the final product to provide stability against optical damage.

### II. EXPERIMENTAL

### A. Materials Preparation

# 1. TiO2

Samples of  ${\rm TiO}_2$  were obtained directly from the manufacturer. DuPont was the supplier of rutile  ${\rm TiO}_2$  (R-900) and anatase  ${\rm TiO}_2$  (FF). Rutile  ${\rm TiO}_2$  was also obtained from Union Carbide (OR-600).

# 2. Pseudo ZnTiO3 Sample

An attempt was made to prepare pure  ${\rm ZnTiO_3}$  by heating rutile  ${\rm TiO_2}$  and  ${\rm ZnO}$  in the mole ratio of 1:1 for 17 hr at 850°C. As reported by Kubo et. al. (Ref. 1), this reaction is difficult to control and x-ray analysis showed that only a small amount of  ${\rm ZnTiO_3}$  was formed with the bulk being  ${\rm Zn_2TiO_4}$ .

# 3. Zn<sub>2</sub>TiO<sub>4</sub> Samples

A batch (B-229) of  $\mathrm{Zn_2TiO_4}$  was made by heating ZnO (0.5% in excess) with anatase  $\mathrm{TiO_2}$  in the mole ratio 2:1 at 925°C for 18 hr. No attempt was made to extract the excess ZnO with acetic acid.

The samples with the description of treatment and sample numbers were then prepared from this main batch (B-229). They are listed in Table 1.

	Table 1
	Zn <sub>2</sub> TiO <sub>4</sub> SURFACE TREATMENTS
Sample Number	Treatment
B-233	B-229 refluxed for 4 hr at 100°C in K <sub>2</sub> O·SiO <sub>2</sub>
B-234	B-229 hot mixed for 30 min with K <sub>2</sub> O·SiO <sub>2</sub>
B-235	B-229 cold ground for 2 hr with $K_2^{0}$ . SiO <sub>2</sub>
B-241	B-229 cooked for 4 hr at 100°C with 5% solution of NaH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>
B-226	B-229 hot mixed, paddle stirred with $K_4^{\text{Fe}(\text{CN})}_6/K_3^{\text{Fe}(\text{CN})}_6$
B-230	B-226 paint; ground in Ps-7, 75% PVC; oven dried at 230°F and retreated with $K_4$ Fe(CN) $_6/K_3$ Fe(CN) $_6$

A schematic of the preparation history is presented in Figure 1.

### B. X-Ray Studies

Eight samples were selected for study. They were: anatase  ${\rm TiO}_2$  (FF), rutile  ${\rm TiO}_2$  (R-900), pseudo  ${\rm ZnTiO}_3$  (B-256) and  ${\rm Zn}_2{\rm TiO}_4$  (B-229, B-233, 3, 3\* and 3\*\*). Specimens 3, 3\* and 3\*\* were discussed in the last Triannual Report (Ref. 3). They were exposed for 4 hr to K radiation from a copper element employing a nickel filter,  $\lambda$  = 1.541 Å. The cameras used had a diameter of 114.6 mm, therefore,  $2\theta_{\rm deg}$  = S/2, where S is the distance between two corresponding arcs in millimeters.

### C. EPR Studies

# 1. Unirradiated Samples

Eleven samples, anatase  ${\rm TiO}_2$  (FF), rutile  ${\rm TiO}_2$  (R-900 and OR-600), pseudo  ${\rm ZnTiO}_3$  (B-256), and  ${\rm Zn}_2{\rm TiO}_4$  (B-229, B-233, B-234, B-235, B-241, B-226 and B-230), were placed in quartz sample

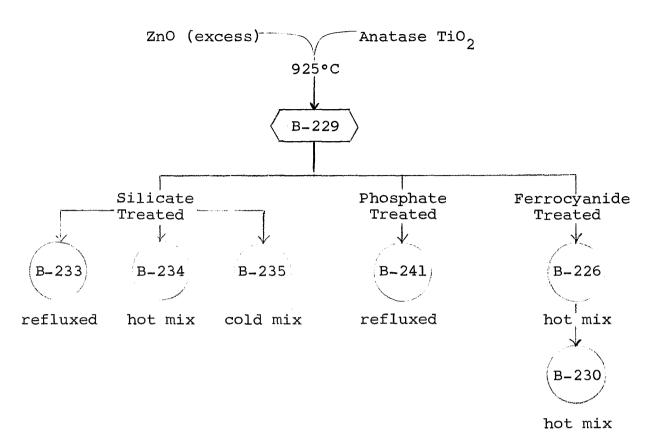


Figure 1: ZINC ORTHOTITANATE SURFACE TREATMENT HISTORY

tubes, outgassed with a mechanical pump, and investigated for EPR absorption at  $\sim\!77\,^{\circ}\text{K}$ .

### 2. Gamma Irradiated Samples

The eleven samples (para. C.1.) were placed in quartz sample tubes, outgassed with a mechanical pump and gamma-irradiated at ~77°K with 5 sources of Co<sup>60</sup>, totaling 4000 Curies, for 16 hr. The samples were investigated and stored in liquid nitrogen.

### 3. Optically Irradiated Samples

Five samples, anatase  ${\rm TiO}_2$  (FF), pseudo  ${\rm ZnTiO}_3$  (B-256) and  ${\rm Zn}_2{\rm TiO}_4$  (B-229, B-233 and B-241) were placed in the irradiation apparatus described previously (Ref. 2), evacuated to 1 x  ${\rm 10}^{-7}$  Torr, and outgassed at ~120°C under high vacuum for 16 hr. The samples were irradiated at 6 solar equivilants for 24 hr (employing an AH-6 source). It was inferred from the results of the anatase

experiment that the temperature of the sample must remain <u>below</u>  $600^{\circ}$ C, the temperature of conversion of anatase  $\text{TiO}_2$  to rutile  $\text{TiO}_2$ . The procedure employed was: one minute before the irradiation is terminated, a stream of nitrogen gas ( $\sim 100^{\circ}$ K) is directed against the EPR tube containing the sample. After the termination of irradiation, the evacuated sample is sealed off while the vacuum is maintained at 1 x  $10^{-7}$  torr and quickly cooled to  $\sim 77^{\circ}$ K. The samples were examined at  $\sim 77^{\circ}$ K for EPR absorption within an hour after the termination of irradiation.

### III. RESULTS

### A. X-Ray Studies

# 1. Samples 3, 3\* and 3\*\*

Examination of the x-ray data in Figure 2 for the zinc orthotitanate samples previously investigated by optical reflectance studies and by EPR (Ref.'s 2, 3) shows that while 3 and 3\* do not exhibit patterns for ZnO,  ${\rm TiO}_2$  or  ${\rm ZnTiO}_3$ , sample 3\*\* indicates the presence of ZnO and rutile  ${\rm TiO}_2$ . No  ${\rm ZnTiO}_3$  was indicated in sample 3\*\*.

# 2. Pseudo ZnTiO<sub>3</sub> (B-256)

The x-ray data indicate that while  ${\rm ZnTiO_3}$  is present in this sample, most of the sample is in fact  ${\rm Zn_2TiO_4}$  with some rutile  ${\rm TiO_2}$ . No ZnO was indicated.

# 3. Control Sample B-229

The x-ray data indicate that aside from the bulk  ${\rm Zn_2^{TiO}_4}$ , ZnO is also present. No TiO  $_2$  was indicated.

#### 4. Silicate Treated B-233

The x-ray data indicate that aside from the bulk  ${\rm Zn_2^{TiO}_4}$ , ZnO is also present. No TiO, was indicated.

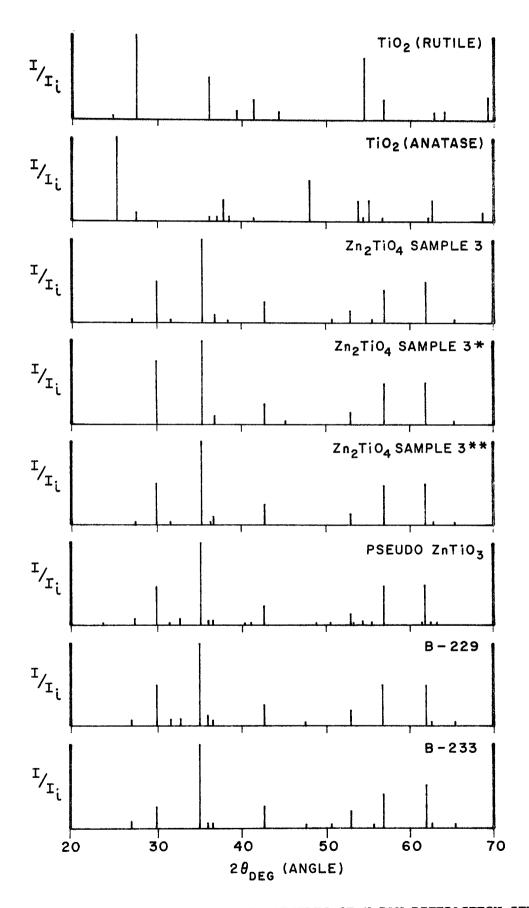


Figure 2: GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF RESULTS OF X-RAY DIFFRACTION STUDY

The x-ray data also indicated that FF anatase  ${\rm TiO}_2$  contains rutile and that, as expected, the rutile samples contain no anatase. Small amounts of unidentified impurities are also indicated by the x-ray data, whose presence cannot be correlated with the optical or EPR results, and which are thought to be unimportant. It should be noted that where x-ray studies do not indicate the presence of  ${\rm ZnO}$  or  ${\rm TiO}_2$ , some may be present in small quantities nonetheless, and may be detected by the more sensitive optical or EPR investigations.

### B. EPR Studies

# 1. Unirradiated Samples

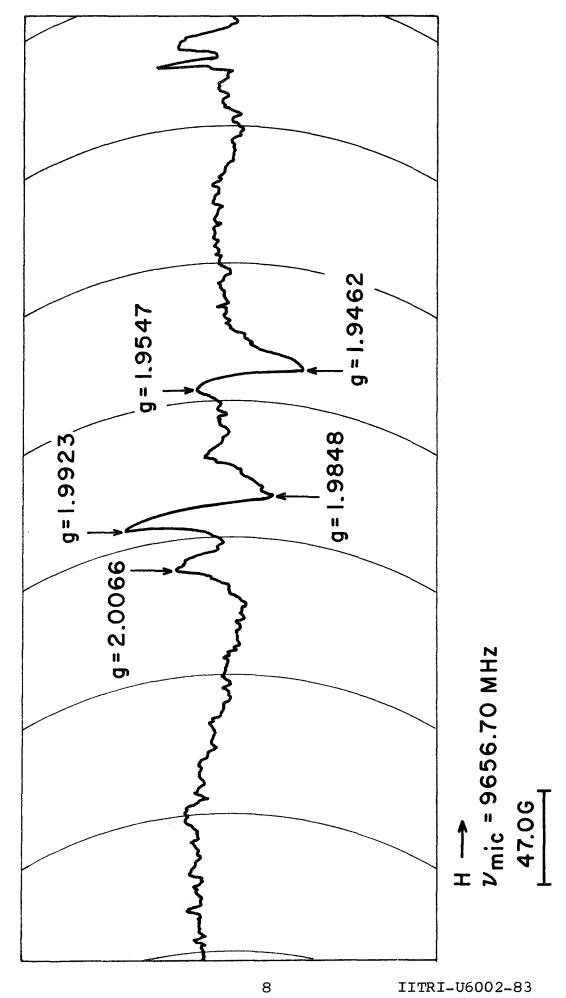
The resonance "n" described in the previous report (Ref. 3) turns out to be a contaminant in the EPR cavity and not a property of the samples at all.

No EPR was observed in the rutile  ${\rm TiO}_2$  and the EPR spectra of anatase  ${\rm TiO}_2$  are shown in Figure 3. No EPR was observed in the psuedo  ${\rm ZnTiO}_3$  (B-256).

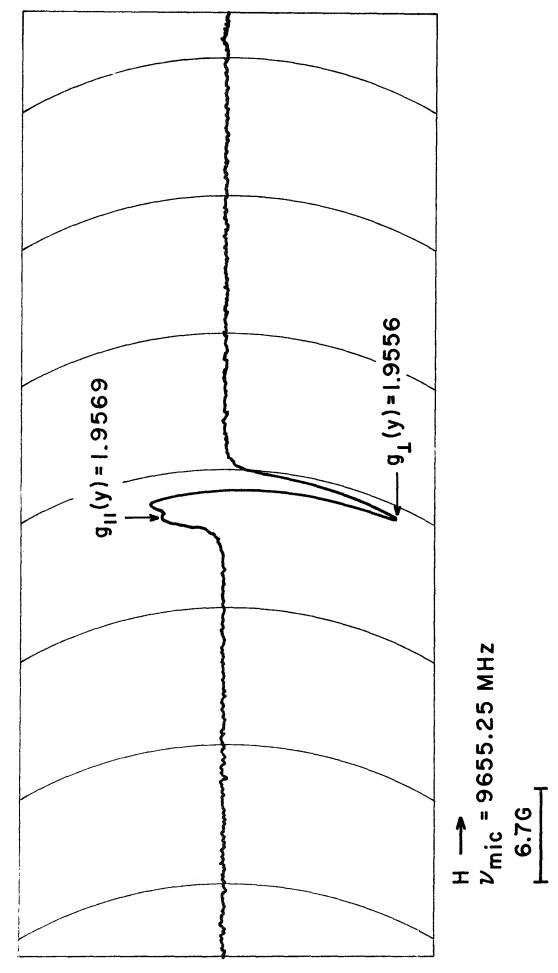
The control zinc orthotitanate sample B-229 contains only the sharp (~2 gauss) resonance "y", shown in Figure 4, with g-values listed in Table 2. The remaining zinc orthotitanate samples, all derived from the precursor B-229 (silicate treated, phosphate treated and ferro-cyanide doped), all exhibited the same resonance "y", with essentially the same g-values (Table 2).

## 2. Gamma-Irradiated Samples

The  ${\rm TiO}_2$ , both rutile and anatase, exhibited essentially the same spectra. The g-values are listed in Table 3 and the EPR spectra found in rutile  ${\rm TiO}_2$  (sample R-900) are shown in Figure 5. The resonances "a" and "b" are definitely found, while resonances which might be "c", "d" and "e" are possibly present. The resonances "k", "x" and "y" are not found.



EPR AT  $\sim 77\,^{\circ}\mathrm{K}$  OF UNIRRADIATED ANATASE TiO<sub>2</sub>, SAMPLE FF, MODULATION - 8.21G Figure 3:



EPR AT  $\sim 77\,^{\circ}\text{K}$  OF UNIRRADIATED  $\text{Zn}_2\text{TiO}_4$ , SAMPLE B-229, MODULATION - 0.83G Figure 4:

Table II

MAGNETIC RESONANCE IN UNIRRADIATED SAMPLES (g-VALUES)

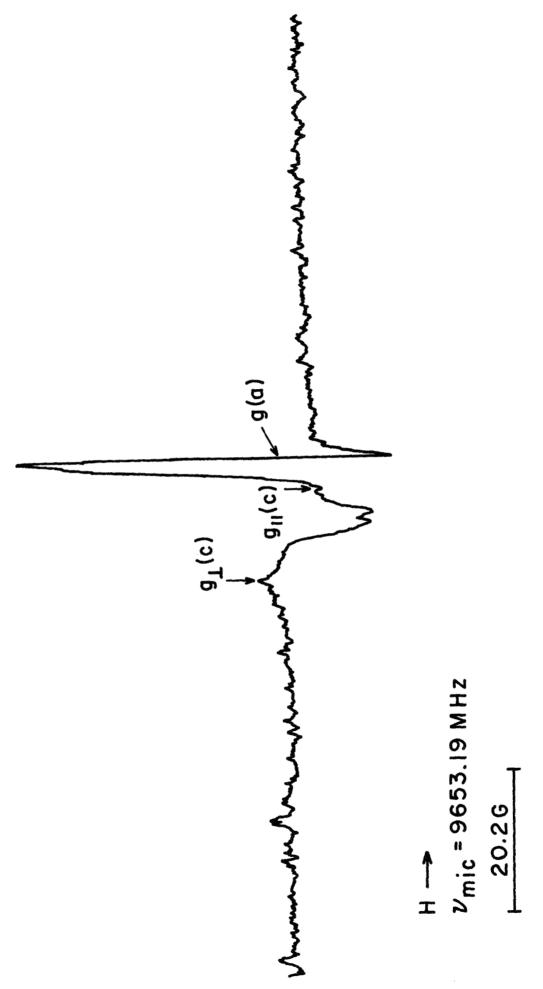
Zn2TiO4 Zn2TiO4 Zn2TiO4 Zn2TiO4 Zn2TiO4 Lit.	(B-233) (B-234) (B-235) (B-241) (B-226) (B-230)	1.9569 1.9569 1.9570 1.9568 1.9579	
Zn <sub>2</sub> TiO <sub>4</sub> Zn		1.9570	
	Value	GII (Y)	

Table III

MAGNETIC RESONANCES IN  $\gamma$ -IRRADIATED SAMPLES

B-230 2.0125	2.0107	2.0067	2.0046	2.0031	2.0014	2.0006	1.9699	1.9569
B-226 2.0132	2.0100	2,0067	2.0055	2.0028		2,0005	ļ	1.9570
B-241 2.0129	2.0104	2.0065	2.0050	2.0030	2.0015	2.0005	1.9787	1.9569
B-235	2.0106	2.0064	2.0050	2.0029	2.0014	2.0004	1.9785	1.9567
B-234	2.0106	2.0065	2.0052	2.0029	2.0015	2,0005	1.9787	1.9568
B-233	2.0110	2.0066	2.0053	2.0032	2.0014	2.0006	1.9787	1.9567
B-229	2.0104	2,0065	2.0052	2.0027	2,0015	2.0006	1.9781	1.9567
Pseudo ZnTiO <sub>3</sub> (B-256) 2.0136	2,0095	2.0060	2.0048 2.0039	2.0026	2,0015	2.0005	1.9785	
TiO <sub>2</sub> Rutile (OR-600)	2.0105	1 1 1	1 1	2.0030	2.0015	2,0006	!	
TiO <sub>2</sub> Rutile (R-900)	2.0105	!	! !	2.0029	2.0015	2,0005		
TiO <sub>2</sub> Anatase (F.F.)	2.0107			2,0030	2,0015	2.0005		
Value g(k)	(⊃) <sup>¶</sup> £	(e) Th	g, (a)	(c) TT <sub>6</sub>	(q) b	g(a)	(x) <b>T</b> 6	*(¼) T6 *(¼) T7

\*Literature values are:  $g_{11}(y) = 1.957$ ,  $g_1(y) = 1.956$ , see Ref. 4.



EPR AT  $\sim 77\,^{\rm e}{\rm K}$  OF GAMMA-IRRADIATED RUTILE TiO $_2$ , SAMPLE R-900, MODULATION - 0.52G Figure 5:

In pseudo  $ZnTiO_3$  (B-256), the resonances "a", "b", "c", "d", and "e" are clearly indicated (Figure 6 and Table 3) as well as "k" and "x". The resonance "y" is not found.

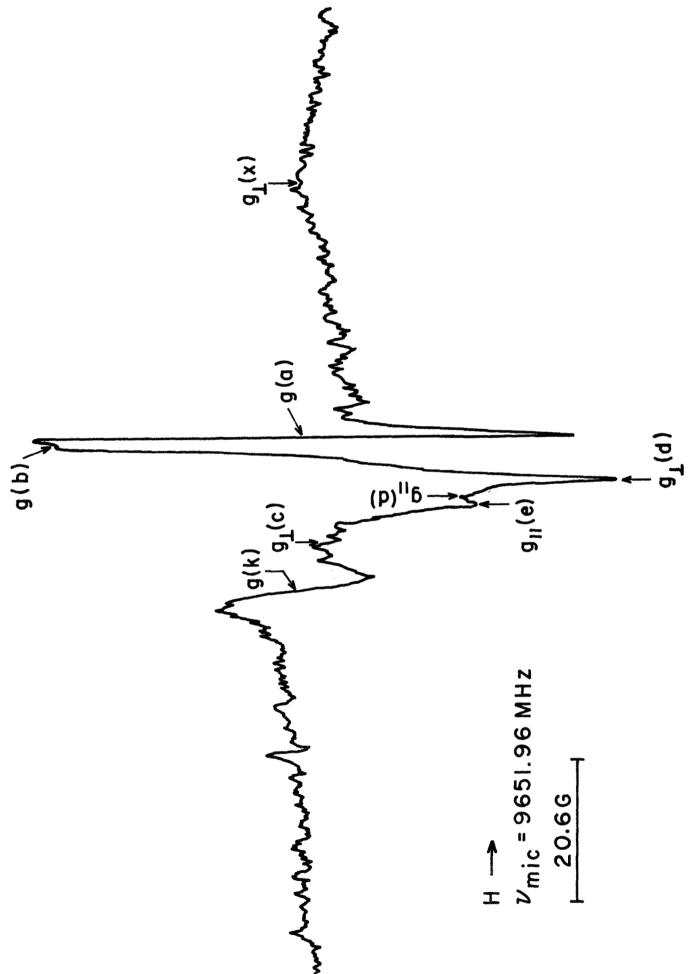
The EPR spectra found in the control sample B-229 are shown in Figure 7 with g-values listed in Table 3. Resonances "a", "b", "c", "d", "e", "k", "x" and "y" are all present. While some differences in intensity are apparent in all the derivative samples, all the resonances present in the B-229 are present in the derivative samples (Figures 8, 9 and 10, Table 3).

### 3. Optically-Irradiated Samples

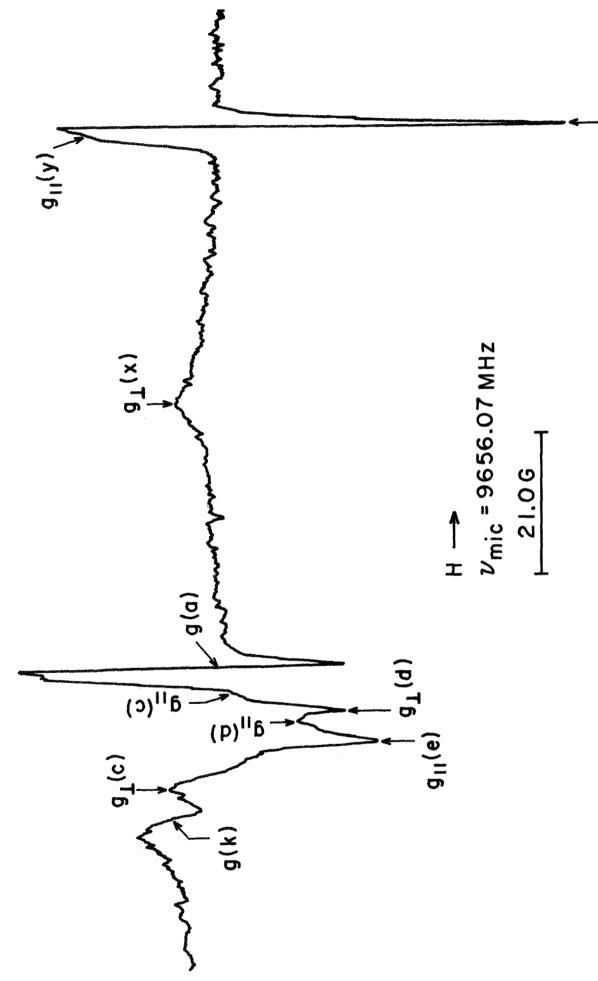
The control zinc orthotitanate sample B-229 exhibited only the sharp resonance "y" also found in the unirradiated material (Figure 11, Table 4). The silicate treated sample B-233 (Figure 12, Table 4), and the phosphate treated sample B-241 (Figure 13, Table 4) exhibited the same resonance "y".

The pseudo  $ZnTiO_3$  (B-256) exhibits the resonance "x", and "y" to a much smaller extent than found in the orthotitanate-prepared samples (Figure 14, Table 4).

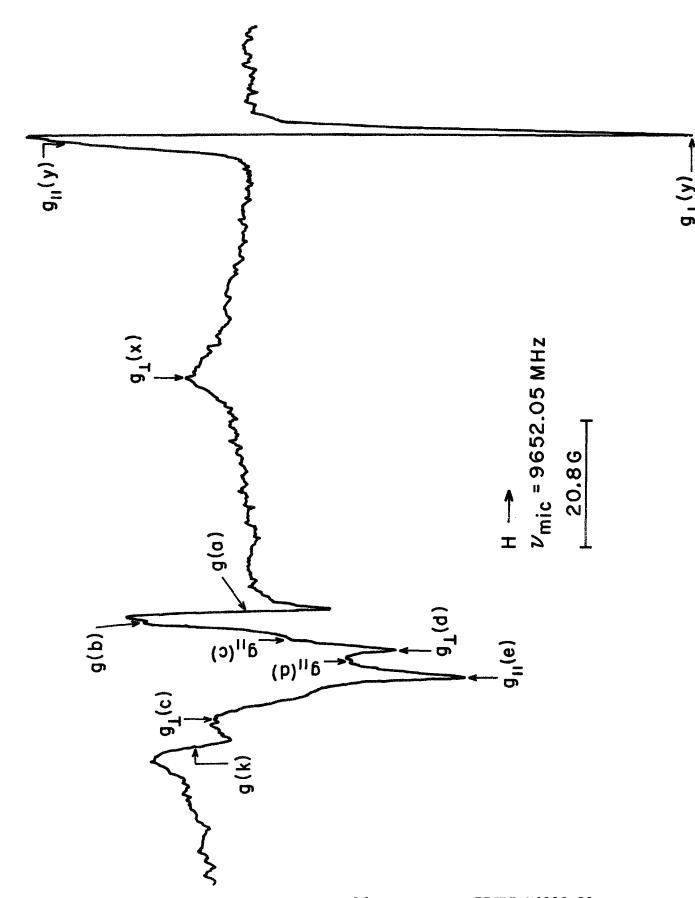
Optically irradiated anatase TiO<sub>2</sub> (FF) exhibits the same spectra as the unirradiated material (Figure 15). This anatase contains some rutile and the resonance "x" is not observed in the optically irradiated material.



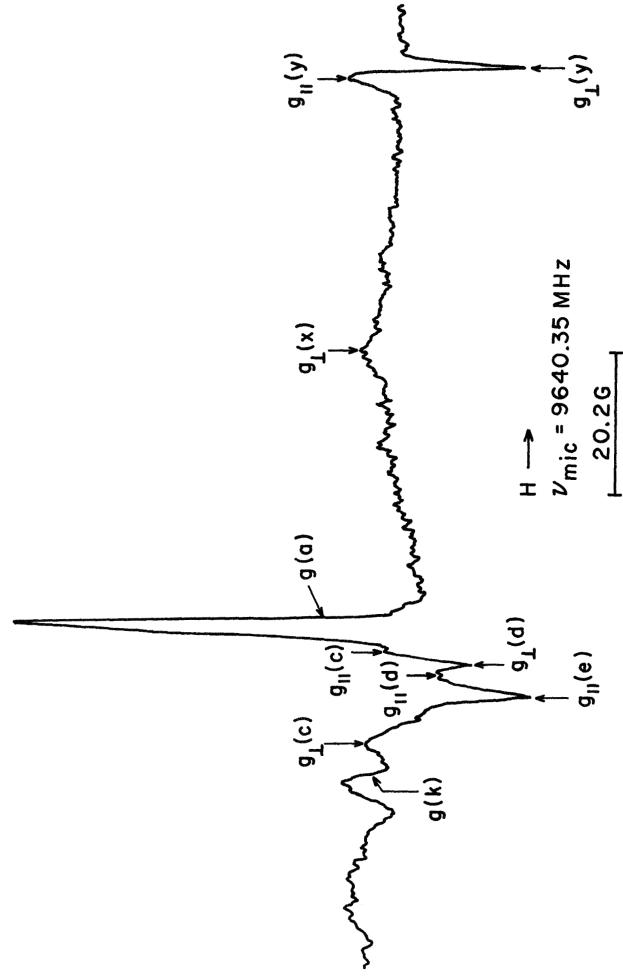
EPR AT  $\sim 77\,^{\circ}\text{K}$  OF GAMMA-IRRADIATED PSEUDO ZnTiO $_3$ , SAMPLE B-256, MODULATION - 0.52G Figure 6:



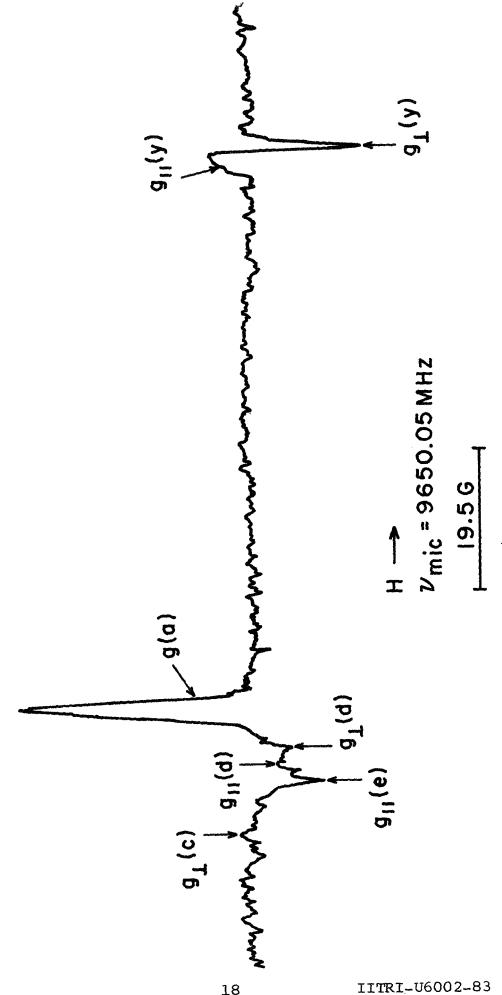
EPR AT  $\sim 77\,^{\circ}\mathrm{K}$  OF GAMMA-IRRADIATED  $\mathrm{Zn_2TiO_4}$ , SAMPLE B-229, MODULATION - 0.52G Figure 7:



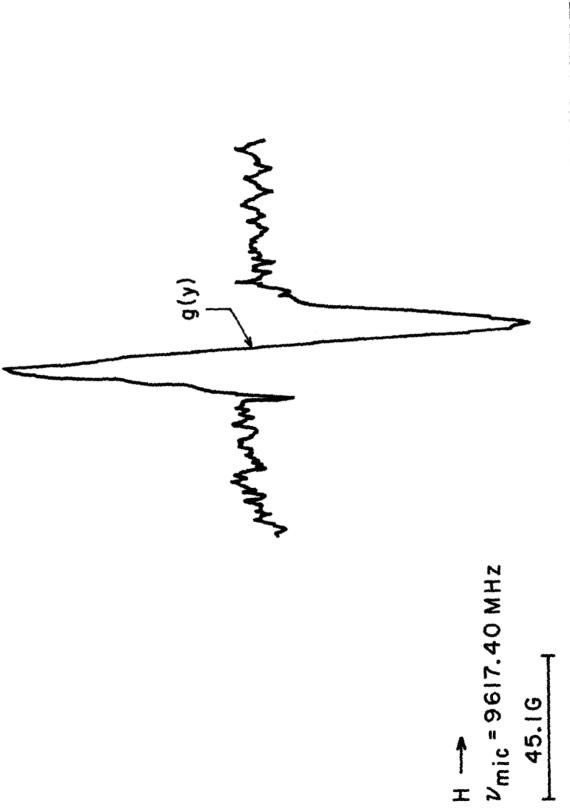
EPR AT  $\sim 77\,^{\circ}\text{K}$  OF GAMMA-IRRADIATED  $\text{Zn}_2\text{TiO}_4$ , SAMPLE B-233, MODULATION - 0.52G Figure 8:



EPR AT  $\sim\!\!77\,^{\circ}$ K OF GAMMA-IRRADIATED  ${\rm Zn_2TiO_4}$ , SAMPLE B-241, MODULATION - 0.52G Figure 9:



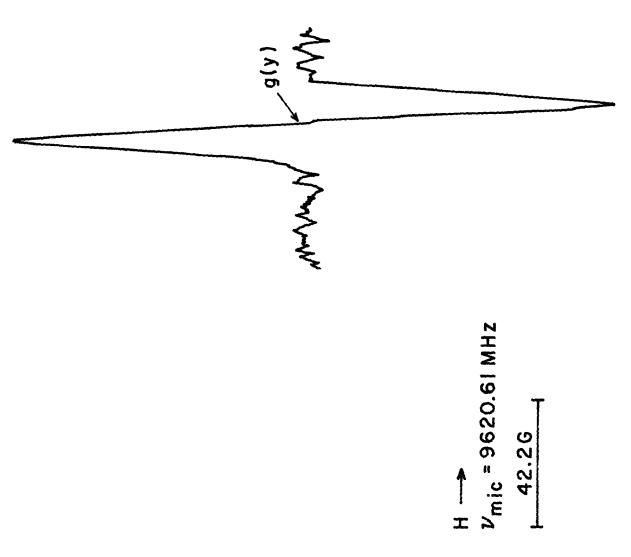
EPR AT  $\sim 77\,^{\circ}$ K OF GAMMA-IRRADIATED  ${\rm Zn_2^{TiO_4}}$ , SAMPLE B-226, MODULATION - 0.52G Figure 10:



EPR AT  $\sim 77$  °K OF OPTICALLY IRRADIATED  ${\rm Zn_2TiO_4}$ , SAMPLE B-229, MODULATION - 11.88G Figure 11:

Table IV

MAGNE	MAGNETIC RESONANCE IN OPTICALLY IRRADIATED SAMPLES (g-VALUES)	CE IN OPT	CALLY IR	RADIATED	SAMPLES	(g-VALUES)
Value	TiO <sub>2</sub> Anatase (F.F.)	Pseudo ZnTiO <sub>3</sub> (B-256)	B-229	B-229 B-233	B-241	Literature Values
g <b>1</b> (x)		1.9762	]   	\$ } !	  - 	
gar (y)	! ! !	1.9563	1.9563 1.9567	1.9564	1.9567	1.957 (Ref. 4)
$(\bar{\Lambda})^{T}$	!!!	1.9553	1.9553 1.9553 1.9552	1.9552	1.9551	1.956 (Pef 4)



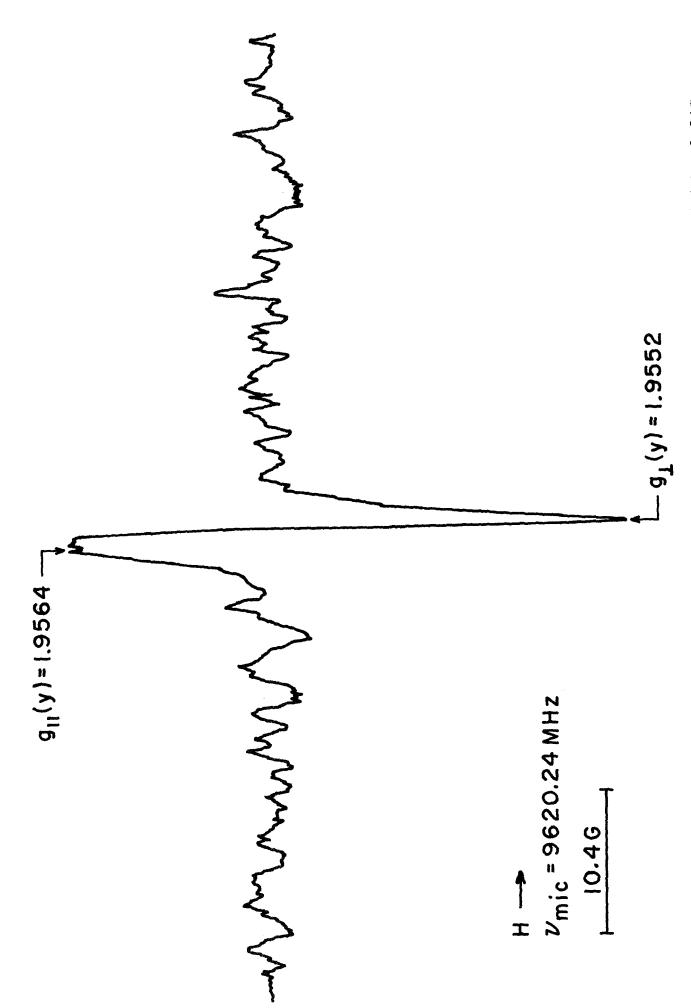
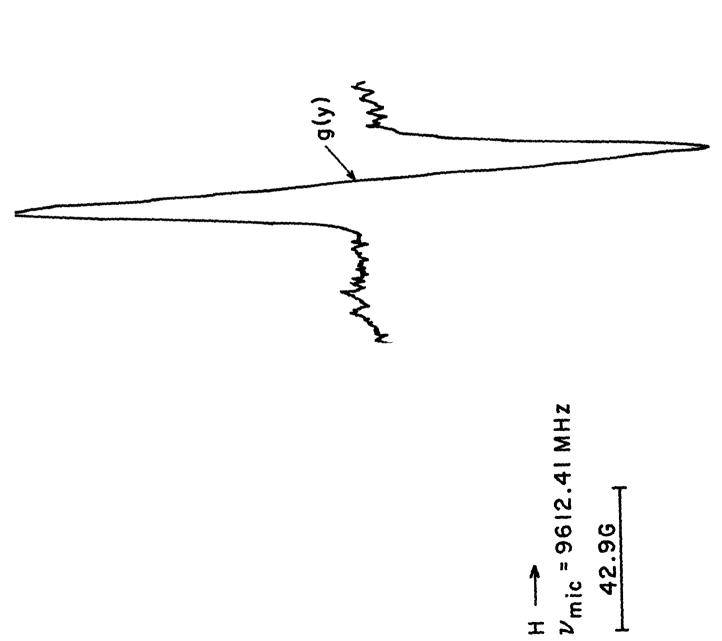


Figure 12b: EPR AT  $\sim 77\,^{\circ}$ K OF OPTICALLY IRRADIATED  ${\rm Zn_2^{TiO}}_4$ , SAMPLE B-233, MODULATION - 0.34G



EPR AT ~77°K OF OPTICALLY IRRADIATED  $\mathrm{Zn_2^{TiO_4}}$ , SAMPLE B-241, MODULATION - 11.88G Figure 13:

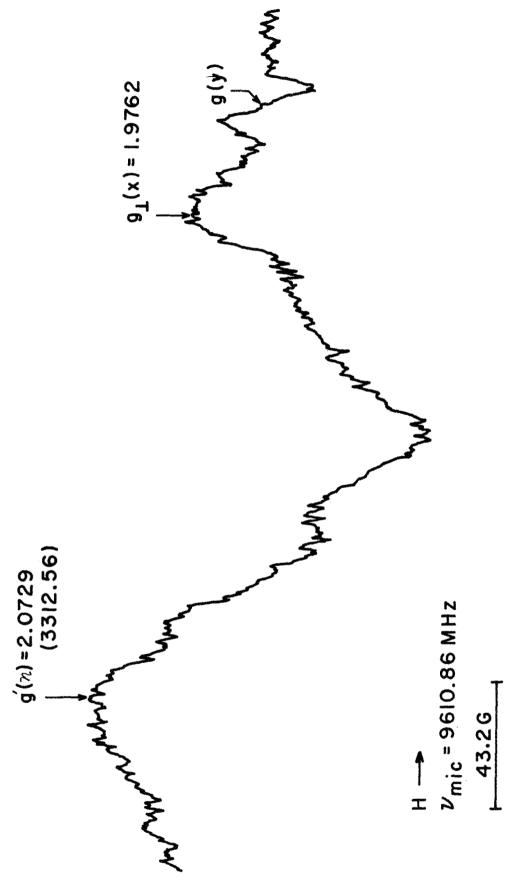
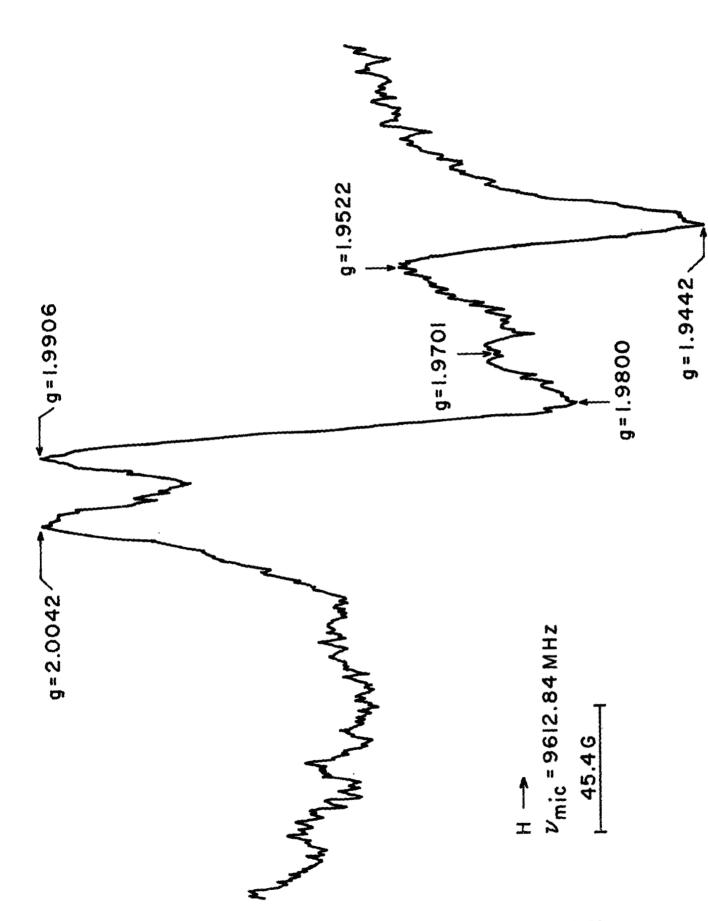


Figure 14: EPR AT  $\sim 77$  °K OF OPTICALLY IRRADIATED PSEUDO ZnTiO<sub>3</sub>, SAMPLE B-256, MODULATION - 11.88G



EPR AT  $\sim 77\,^{\circ}{\rm K}$  OF OPTICALLY IRRADIATED ANATASE TiO $_2$ , SAMPLE FF, MODULATION - 11.88G Figure 15:

# IV. CORRELATION OF THE OPTICAL REFLECTANCE, EPR AND X-RAY STUDIES AND CONCLUSIONS

### A. The Resonance "y"

Resonance "y" with  $g_1 = 1.9555$  and  $g_{11} = 1.9568$  with an error of  $\pm$  0.0001 is identified as the same resonance observed in ZnO heat treated at 900°C in air by Kasai (Ref. 4) and attributed to conduction electrons in ZnO by Sancier (Ref. 5).

### B. The Resonance "x"

Resonance "x" is thought to be  ${\rm Ti}^{+3}$  in rutile  ${\rm TiO}_2$  present in orthotitanate material which can absorb radiation at ~0.9 $\mu$  to undergo (reversible) ionization

$$Ti^{+3} \longrightarrow Ti^{+4} + e^{-}$$

The center "x" seems identical with a center called "c" by Chester (Ref. 6) found in single crystal rutile heated at elevated temperatures (625 - 1100°C) in air with  $g_1$  = 1.976 and  $g_{11}$  = 1.941 and axial symmetry about the crystaline "c" axis, and by Kiselev and Uvarov (Ref. 7) in polycrystalline  ${\rm TiO}_2$ , calcined in air at 450°C for 30 min with precisely the same g-values and general shape. The evidence strongly suggests that  ${\rm Ti}^{+3}$  is the center "x" observed by us and in the references cited. The  ${\rm Ti}^{+3}$  can originally be created by photodesorption of oxygen on the surface of the material according to

$$O_2^- + Ti^{+4} = O_2^- + Ti^{+3}$$

or by a similar thermal process at very high temperatures as realized during plasma annealing (as at a  $\Delta T$  of 2900°C, see Ref. 3).

### C. Zinc Orthotitanate

Zinc orthotitanate materials prepared prior to and including the samples 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (see Table 2, Ref. 3) were prepared using a slight excess of  $\text{TiO}_2$ . The resonance "y" was

never observed in any of these materials, irradiated or unirradiated (prior to plasma-annealing). This is to be expected if the reaction

$$2 \text{ ZnO} + \text{TiO}_2 \longrightarrow \text{Zn}_2 \text{TiO}_4$$

went as far as it could go, using up all the ZnO present. The resonance "x" was observed in all these materials when irradiated with ultraviolet. The excess  ${\rm TiO}_2$  was detected by EPR techniques on gamma-irradiated material (see EPR of gamma-irradiated  ${\rm TiO}_2$ , Figure 5), even though, in the case of sample 3, x-ray studies did not reveal any  ${\rm TiO}_2$ .

# D. The Sample B-229 - Pseudo ZnTiO3

An attempt to make pure ZnTiO2, starting with equimolar quantities of the precursor oxides, was not successful (probably because too high a firing temperature was inadvertantly achieved). Mostly  $\mathrm{Zn_2TiO_4}$  was formed, with some  $\mathrm{ZnTiO_3}$  and  $\mathrm{TiO_2}$ . The facts that a much smaller amount of the resonance "y" was detected by EPR (hence very little ZnO was present, as expected) and the resonance "x" was present in optically irradiated material give support to the thesis that ZnO prevents the creation of the center "x" by ultraviolet irradiation in vacuum. The center "x" is now most certainly established to be in the rutile TiO2 material, and may not be in the metatitanate (since it is observed where x-ray analysis does not indicate the presence of metatitanate, such as in samples 3, 3\* and 3\*\* and in orthotitanate materials prepared prior to these samples). Also, the center displays the g-values for Ti<sup>+3</sup> found in rutile TiO<sub>2</sub> material (Ref.'s 6, 7). The fact that "x" is observed in optically irradiated anatase with rutile  ${\rm TiO}_{2}$  (FF), is not surprising since that material has not been heated (as were the orthotitanate materials). (The confirming EPR and reflectance investigations of optically irradiated rutile TiO, which has been heated in air and ZnTiO, ought to be done for completeness.)

# $\underline{E}$ . The Samples 3, 3\*, 3\*\* and Plasma-Annealing (Ref. 3)

The facts that sample 3 (a) does not contain a detectable amount of ZnO by x-ray techniques, (b) that large optical damage is observed at ~0.9 w shown in the reflectance spectra of the previous report (Figure 14, Ref. 3), and (c) that the resonance "x" is observed, are understandable in the light of our thesis that ZnO must be present to prevent the creation of damage by the center "x". Low temperature plasma-annealing resulting in sample 3\* creates the center "x" thermally without ultraviolet irradiation, as with rutile heated in air (Ref.'s 6, 7), and also results in a small amount of ZnO by decomposition which prevents the center "x" from causing optical damage. The higher plasmaannealed sample 3\*\* results in the thermal creation of "x" as well and a great deal of optical damage in the infrared, due to the presence of a great quantity of ZnO caused by decomposition and confirmed by the x-ray studies; but severe damage at ~0.9 u is not observed. The resonance "y" is not observed in 3\*\* probably because of the high temperature to which the material was subjected in plasma-annealing.

# F. ZnoTiO, Prepared with Excess ZnO

The control sample B-229, as well as the derivative samples all display the ZnO resonance "y" in unirradiated and gamma or ultraviolet irradiated material. The resonance "x" is not observed in these materials when ultraviolet irradiated. Thus not only does ZnO prevent damage by the optical absorption at  $\sim\!\!0.9\mu$  of the center "x", but it prevents the creation of the center "x" altogether by ultraviolet radiation. Only if high temperatures are achieved, as in plasma-annealing, will ZnO be coexistent with the center "x".

The silicate and phosphate treatments probably prevent even small (undetected) amounts of "x" from forming, by replacing  $O_2^-$  on the surface with the silicating or phosphating species.

### G. Conclusions

An excess of ZnO in the preparative scheme for the production of Zn<sub>2</sub>TiO<sub>4</sub> produces not only an essentially complete reaction, but is necessary to prevent the <u>ultraviolet creation</u> of Ti<sup>+3</sup> in the rutile TiO<sub>2</sub> impurity in the orthotitanate material and the <u>ultraviolet damage</u> of Ti<sup>+3</sup> if it happens to be present at all, created by thermal means. Zinc oxide in small amounts appears to stabilize zinc orthotitanate from optical damage. That this is in fact a real effect due to ZnO itself, or a manifestation of excess zinc oxide, insuring a more complete reaction, has not been unequivocally determined. The fact that sample 3\*\*, containing enough ZnO and TiO<sub>2</sub> to be detected by x-ray investigation, does not display severe optical damage although "x" is present indicates that the ZnO directly prevents damage at ~0.9µ.

Plasma annealing at too high a temperature can be harmful in that it can create (thermally)  $\mathrm{Ti}^{+3}$ , but, if the temperature is optimized, can result in optically stable material in that the protective ZnO can be created by decomposition in just small enough amounts not to be responsible for the optical damage itself.

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